RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14–32–13

Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in the position of appointed supervisor occurs during a district's operating year:

- (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;
- (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation; and
- (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.
- (b) The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that

Name: Addam Carmony maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS 8330 West County Road 500 N

CITY: Falmouth STATE: IN ZIP: 46127

This to	emporar	y appointment is necessary because of:
	\boxtimes	Resignation (enclose) of Jan Horton or
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We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor. We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Brian K. Spurgin, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 07/10/08

Submit to: **Your District Support Specialist** Via e-mail.

Please visit the following website to access contact information for your DSS: http://www.in.gov/isda/files/dssmap.pdf

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

<u>IC 14-32-4-1</u>

- (c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, and individual: (1) must be of voting age; (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article
- imposes on supervisors. NAME: Addam Carmony PHONE: (765) 969-8189

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 11/27/1972

ADDRESS: 8330 West County Road 500 N

CITY: Falmouth STATE: IN ZIP: 46127

EDUCATION: Associates Degree in Animal Science

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Ag Loan Officer

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: None

Please check one of the following:

I currently hold a public service position/office \(\subseteq \text{Yes} \subseteq \text{No} \)	(If ves) I have been informed
REAPPOINTMENT	
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By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office

Date (M/d/yyyy): 7/10/2008

Holding Guide ☐ Yes ☒ No

Signature of appointee: Addam

Carmony

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

ELECTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY; IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in the position of elected supervisor occurs during the district's operating year:

- (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;
- (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill the vacancy; and
- (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.
- (b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.
- (c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedure set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that (Name) Paul Cummings maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS: 6278 State Highway 246

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Death of

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: Spencer, IN 47460

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☐ No election held.
sed him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor. sed him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dua g Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

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Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 7/15/2008

Submit to:

Your District Support Specialist

Please visit the following website to access contact information for your DSS: http://www.in.gov/isda/files/dssmap.pdf

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

- (b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:
 - (1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is:
 - (A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and
 - (B) located within the district;
 - (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and
 - (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

NAME: Paul Cummings PHONE: (812) 859-3758 DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/YYYY): 4/24/1979

ADDRESS: 6278 State Highway 246

CITY: Spencer STATE: IN ZIP: 47460

EDUCATION: B.A. DePauw University, Masters Indiana University

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: State Government; Department of Energy Office

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: <u>Owen SWCD Watershed Steering</u>
<u>Committee, Masters in Environmental Science</u>; <u>Supervisor candidate Jan. 2008</u>

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed. Green roof, native plant landscaping

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor? Yes \tag{\text{No}} \text{No} \text{\text{\$\omega}}

If YES, answer the following two questions:

- 1. What was the date of last service? (M/d/yyyy):
- 2. What was the reason for termination of last service?
- 2. How many years did you serve as a supervisor?

I currently hold a public service position/office Yes No (If yes) I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide Yes No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

Name of appointee:

Date (M/d/yyyy): 7/15/2008



Pike County Soil and Water Conservation District 2101 East Main St. - Petersburg, IN 47567-8870 - Phone (812) 354-6120

August 12, 2008

Nola Gentry, Chairperson Indiana State Soil Conservation Board 101 W Ohio St., Suite 1200 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Ms. Gentry:

The Pike County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to request re-allocation of their CWI grant #07-CWI-431. A few items have cost more than originally expected plus we failed to take into account the need for more personnel hours for administering the grant extension approved for our grant. As we stated in our previous letter dated 2/14/08 we were unable to utilize grant funds allocated for our Conservation Field Day due to not having to pay for our speakers or provide transportation plus we were unable to complete our test plot. We also did not use \$200.00 of the funds allocated for Support of Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar & to rent van because we did not need a van for transportation due to lack of interest. We are continuing to work on printing the professional brochure and will use the postage for mailings.

Following is an itemized listing of the original allocations, actual costs and balances:

(Original Allocation	Actual Cost	Balance
Personnel	\$ 3,090.00	\$ 6,285.00	- 3,195.00
Digital Camera & Accessories	500.00	543.00	- 43.00
Printing of Professional Brochure	392.00	In Progress	392.00
Field day, test plot, speaker,		•	
buses, advertising, flyers	2,770.00	1,874.00	896.00
Support for Southwest Indiana		•	
Crop Seminar & van	265.00	65.00	200.00
Postage for Mailings	156.00	146.00	10.00
Advertising for Warm Season Grass	s Drill 240.00	272.00	- 32.00

We are requesting allocation as follows:

\$ 896.00 from Field Day, test plot, speaker, buses, advertising, flyers to Personnel

\$ 125.00 from Support of Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar & van rental to Personnel

- \$ 43.00 from Support of Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar & van rental to Digital Camera & Accessories
- \$ 32.00 from Support of Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar & van rental to Advertising for Warm Season Grass Drill.

We have tried to use our grant funds but have encountered several unforeseen problems. If the above re-allocations are not allowable, we will be unable to use the remaining grants funds as provided for our project, other than for the brochure and postage.

We appreciate your consideration of our re-allocation request. If you have any questions or need more information please contact our office at 812-354-6120, Ext. 3 or e-mail at the following: karen.elgin@in.nacdnet.net.

Sincerely,

David Flint, Chairman

Pike County SWCD Board

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Pike County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

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Partner	Amount		Amount
1. Pike County SWCD		6. Agribusinesses (i.e. Petersburg Co-op)	\$200
2. USDA - NRCS		7.	
3. Purdue CES		8.	
4. USDA - FSA		9.	
5. Local Media (The Press-Dispatch)		10.	
		Total	\$200.00

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Address	2101 E Main Street	
City/State/Zip	Petersburg, Indiana 47567	

Charles Sone	
Title	Karen Elgin, Admin. Sec-Treas.
Address	2101 E Main Street
City/State/Zip	Petersburg, Indiana 47567
County	Pike
Telephone	812-354-6120, #3
E-mail	karen.elgin@in.nacdnet.net

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Pike County Conservation Initiative

We propose to utilize staff time, host educational events and advertise to promote conservation practices and federal and state programs related to the conservation of soil erosion and the enhancement of wildlife habitat. Key practices to be promoted through these activities would include no-till and conservation tillage, warm season grasses, filter strips, grassed waterways and water and sediment control basins (WASCOBs).

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County	Pike County
Region	South-Southwest Region
Watershed	Patoka and White River Watersheds

Patoka River is the major river that drains the majority of our county. It is identified as an impacted river by the IDEM 303d list due to siltation and turbidity, both of which can be associated with soil erosion concerns. This project will impact Pike County by reducing soil erosion through the establishment of conservation practices such as no-till and conservation tillage, filter strips, warm season grasses, grassed waterways, and WASCOBs. In addition to helping control erosion, many of these practices will also help enhance the local wildlife habitat in Pike County.

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Key Steps:

To address the identified concerns of soil erosion and wildlife management, the Pike County SWCD proposed the following steps as part of our Pike County Conservation Initiative:

- Host a Pike County Conservation Field Day focusing on available conservation practices and federal cost-share
 programs related to soil conservation and wildlife habitat.
- Cooperate with Purdue Cooperative Extension Service's Pike County Ag. Day to provide Information display (normal attendance over 220).
- Educate farmers about no-till and related conservation-oriented topics through the support of the Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar (attendance - 80).
- Work with local Press-Dispatch newspaper to develop a conservation edition with emphasis on available soil conservation practices and programs (coverage - over 5,000).
- Work with agri-businesses (i.e. Petersburg Co-op) to promote to their clients through agri-business newsletter mailings and one-on-one visits with clients the available conservation practices and federal and state programs.
- Work with Purdue Cooperative Extension Service on newsletter articles with emphasis on available soil conservation practices and programs (coverage - over 700 households).
- Work with the Farm Service Agency on newsletter articles with emphasis on available conservation practices and programs (coverage -1600).
- Develop a brochure for Pike County residents promoting available programs and practices related to soil conservation and wildlife habitats.
- 9. Promote available programs to walk-in clients.
- 10. Promote all USDA, CRP and EQIP practices.

Benchmarks:

- 1. Number of newly adopted no-till and conservation tillage systems on Pike County row crop fields.
- 2. Number of feet of newly installed filter strips and waterways.
- 3. Number of newly installed water and sediment control basins (WASCoBs).
- 4. Number of additional acres of wildlife habitat areas.
- 5. Number of landowners enrolling in federal and state assistance programs.
- 6. Number of individuals attending sponsored educational events

Desired Outcomes:

- 1. Increase of conservation practices such as filter strips, waterways and water and sediment control basins by 5%.
- 2. Increase adoption of no-till and conservation tillage systems on row crop areas by 5%.
- 3. Increase upland small game (esp. rabbit and quail) wildlife habitat areas by 20%.
- 4. Decrease water quality concerns, especially those related to sedimentation, nutrients and pesticides.

This project addresses two critical natural resource issues from the Pike County SWCD Business Plan - **Soil Erosion** and **Wildlife Management**. This project will help us make *progress* towards the following SWCD goals for the identified issues:

Soil Erosion - Increase no-till and conservation tillage by 10% by 2010.

- Increase filter strips by 10% by 2010.
- Increase waterways and water and sediment control basins (WASCoBs) by 10% by 2010.

Wildlife Management - Increase upland small game (esp. quail and rabbit) wildlife habitat areas by 50% by 2010.

This project also correlates with the Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) Strategic Plan by addressing the desired outcomes of:

- 1. Clean drinking water.
- 2. Cleaner streams, rivers & lakes for recreation.
- 3. Productive soils for Indiana's farmers.

The ICP strategy that this project utilizes is that of **outreach** by providing a consistent and positive message describing the economic, environmental and quality of life benefits of conservation for the residents of Pike County.

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Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$3,090
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Equipment (Itemize)	
Digital Camera and Accessories	\$500
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Supplies (Itemize)	
Printing of Professional Brochure	\$392
2. Field day, test plot, speaker, buses, advertising, flyers	\$2,770
3. Support for Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar and to rent van	\$265
4. Postage for mailings	\$156
5. Advertising for Warm Season Grass Drill	\$240
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Total Project Cost	\$7,413

July 2, 2008

State Soil Conservation Board c/o Indiana State Department of Agriculture 101 W. Ohio St., Suite 1200 Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: CWI Grant #A337-8-CWI-810

Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant

Nutrient Management for Ag and Urban Sectors

Clark County SWCD

Dear Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Clark County Board of Supervisors in regards to the above referenced Clean Water Indiana Grant we were awarded this year. We recently received the notification that the SSCB granted SWCDs permission to use their 2008 CWI grant funds for flood related projects, and that the funds may be directed to another county if desired.

Our supervisors and staff are very concerned about the extent of damage that our fellow producers have suffered throughout the state. We feel that our CWI funds can best be utilized on assistance projects in a disaster county rather than on workshops and brochures in our county where there was little damage.

We have contacted several SWCDs located in disaster counties as to their current needs and their plans for providing assistance to producers. We have also consulted with our District Support Specialist, Laura Fribley, for her input on the most effective redirection of our funds. After considering the information we were given, we decided that Greene County SWCD could best utilize the funds. Therefore, we would like to request that the SSCB allow us to transfer our \$2,000 CMIG grant award to the Greene County SWCD.

We thank you in advance for your time in considering this matter. Any questions you have may be directed to me at (812) 256-2330, ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Melanie Davis
Administrative Coordinator



APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT: CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE GRANT INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Elzinger at: AEizinger@isda.in.gov

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Grantee Name Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address 9608 Highway 62
Eity/State/Zip Charlestown, IN 47111

Contact Name	Melanie Davis	
Title	Administrative Coordinator	
Address -	9608 Highway 62	
City/State/Zip	Charlestown, IN 47111	
County	S Clark	
Telephone	812-256-2330, ext. 3	
E-mail	melanie.davis@in.nacdnet.net	

Signature Authority (District Chairma	in Sam Hagest	
Project Title: Nutrient Manag	ement for Ag and Urban Sectors	
Nutrient Management Practice	Cover Crops No-till Strip Nutrient Management Plan Buffers	Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.

Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include keyisteps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

Because of the diverse nature of our county, having a large agricultural component, as well as an increasing urban one, we are proposing two events to host. The first is a "Real Estate Development Workshop" to be held during the Southern Indiana Realtors 2008 Home Show. The second is a "No-Till Workshop" to be held during late fall/early winter 2008.

Realtors and developers will be the target audience for our "Real Estate Development Workshop". The workshop will take place at the Home Show development site. It will begin with a brief overview of the types of soils found in Clark County, and their limitations and/or advantages. The use of cover crops as an effective erosion and sediment control measure will be explained, as well as the State and local requirements for their use during construction. Participants will then visit lots within the development (1) to show the use of cover crops to sustain land that has been disturbed, and (2) to show disturbed land unprotected by a cover crop. Sediment loss at each lot will be compared. Information on nutrient management for small lots/backyards will be provided.

We plan to advertise the workshop through direct mailings to area realtors and developers, news releases, and flyers. The District will work with SIRA and the Homebuilders Association of Southern Indiana to create a mailing database. This database will be used for a follow-up survey/contact, and for future mailings and workshops. This will give the District the opportunity to establish a rapport, which it is currently lacking, with realtors in the county, and to strengthen and improve its relationship with developers, who it presently deals with concerning Rule 5 and Rule 13 issues.

Our second event, "No-Till Workshop", will target the agricultural community in our county. Specific nutrient management practices, cover crops, no-till/strip till, and conservation buffers will be discussed, however, the importance of developing a complete nutrient management plan will be emphasized. Breakfast will be provided free of charge to participants; the District will solicit donations for the necessary food items.

This workshop will also offer landowners the opportunity to earn Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program (PARP) credit. The topic for this program will complement the agenda for the workshop.

The workshop will be advertised in the District newsletter, news releases, and flyers posted at strategic locations. The District will create a database from the signam sheet to be used for follow-up contact, and for future mailings.

It may be argued that targeting an urban audience with one of our events is not an effective means of promoting nutrient management. We would argue, however, that with close to 100 development plans submitted to the District for Rule 13 compliance in 2007, those passens involved with development need to be informed and making

knowledgeable decisions.

By no means meant to be ignored, our agricultural audience is also an important one. Many of our producers have installed nutrient management practices, but do not have a complete management plan; many have no practices installed. Our No-Till Workshop will give us the opportunity to reach these producers and provide them with the resources they need to complete a plan, and/or select suitable practices for their land.

Knowledgeable individuals who are interested in the conservation of our natural resources, and who will make decisions with them in mind are an obvious by-product of this proposal. Improved nutrient management, decreased soil erosion, and better water quality will be the end results.

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Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	1170	800
Fringe Benefits		
Travel	_	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
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Supplies (Itemize Delow)		
Cost to establish power crop		400

Paper (for printing flyers, handouts)		40
Paper (for printing follow-up surveys)		50
Postage (for direct mailing)		150
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Other (Itemize Below)		
Soil test for cover crop site		10
Printing direct mailing		400
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Total CWI:	2000
Total In-Kind Match	1170
Total Project Cost	3170

Date: July 2, 2008

From: Harrison County Soil & Water Conservation District

1855 Gardner Lane NW Corydon IN 47112

To: Indiana State Soil Conservation Board

101 W. Ohio Street Suite 1200 Indianapolis IN 46204

Regarding: Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant # A377-8-CWI-831

Due to the recent disastrous flooding in Indiana, the Harrison Co. Soil & Water Conservation District voted to act at our last meeting to allow our \$2,000 grant funds from the Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant that was awarded to Harrison Co. SWCD, to be awarded equally \$1,000 to Bartholomew SWCD & \$1,000 to Jackson Co. SWCD.

As a board, we felt this was something we could do to help our fellow counties in their time of need.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

If more information is needed, contact the Harrison Co. SWCD office at 738-8124 Ext. 3.

Sincerely, Harrison Co. SWCD Board of Supervisors,

William Watts
Paul Hauswald
Chad Baker
Mike Flock
Jay Wolfe



APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT: CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE GRANT INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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ISDA- Clean Water Indiana Fund and Division of Soils Conservation 2008-09 Budget Proposal and Descriptions

CWI- 09 Budget Proposal	4,250,000	
Reserve		145,000
Current Staff		1,200,000
USDA Programs		
CREP	1,100,000	
Conservation Support Program	200,000	
		1,300,000
SWCD Focus		
SWCD In-kind	920,000	
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Leadership Institute	158,000	
		1,428,000
Misc. Expenses		
Contract	75,000	
Equipment	100,000	
Travel	2,000	
		177,000
Total		4,250,000

Current Staff: This is salary and fringe for 22 Resource Specialists that are currently working throughout the state with landowners. They partner with NRCS to support the Conservation Implementation Teams to leverage USDA programs and practices. This is only a portion of the technical assistance that is provided by the Division of Soil Conservation. This technical assistance has been responsible for millions of dollars coming into Indiana directly to landowners from USDA. Without this staff, landowners would not be able to access the funding made available through the 2007 Farm Bill.

CREP: In 2005, the State of Indiana (Lt.Gov) and USDA signed an agreement to implement conservation

practices throughout Indiana. USDA pays landowners an additional 20% for land rental per acre and cost shares on practice expenses at 90%. Indiana pays an additional one time payment ranging from \$100 to \$400 per acre to landowners for participating in the program. These are for contracts of 14-15 years. Additional incentives are included in this program and are provided by The Nature Conservancy and the Department of Natural Resources. An amendment is being requested to increase the watersheds from 3 to 11 and approval is expected in late 2008. Amendments are allowed and may include additional watersheds, acres or practices.

Conservation Support Program: Technical assistance is a required portion of a CREP and this funding is proposed to increase technical assistance through existing staff or through private contracts or agreements. This funding will offer incentives to private service providers throughout the state that are currently working with landowners in various capacities. An example would be the crop consultant agronomists (CCA), of which there are over 600 in the state. These CCAs work one-on-one with farmers to prescribe herbicide, fertilizer and pesticide applications to crops. Many of the best management practices (BMPs) that are included in the CREP could be promoted and implemented for farmers by the CCAs. There are other service providers, such as SWCDs, that could participate in this incentive program broadening the reach of ISDA and improving customer service for the CREP.

SWCD In-kind: In IC 14-32-8 (CWI Funding), the statute requires that if funded CWI will match \$1 for \$1 SWCD funds that originate through county funding up to \$10,000. The match may exceed \$10,000 if the SSCB approves additional allocations. To date, the SSCB believes that \$10,000 is appropriate funding for administrative support at the SWCD local level. In the future, as SWCDs increase their conservation services, the SSCB may approve additional match and could allocate funding as is provided in statute.

CWI Grants: This competitive grant program began in 2005 to offer SWCD opportunities to implement special programs throughout the state in support of conservation initiatives. These grants have proven to be very success in accomplishing on the ground conservation implementation. Landowner participation has been high. In order to be eligible to receive a grant the SWCD must have a business plan and the grant funding must be utilized in support of the initiatives in the plan.

Leadership Institute: This funding is allocated to improve leadership throughout the SWCD supervisors and staff. Since they are the local eyes and ears of the CWI program, it is imperative that they have the skills, knowledge and tools to provide good service to local landowners and communities. This training incentive is allocated by county with each qualifying for \$1500 to support training expenses. Receipts and mileage must be submitted for reimbursement. An additional \$20,000 has been budgeted to provide training conferences and regional workshops. Many of these trainings are coordinated by our District Support Staff and are developed by the regional SWCD working groups. Specific training based on regional needs offers effective and efficient training while encouraging team building across county and regional boundaries.

Contract: Over the past two years, ISDA has paid rent for field staff to our USDA partners for office space, internet and network services. ISDA staff work on the USDA network and provide service to landowners through their programs and computer systems. ISDA plans to establish mobile offices and wireless capacity for the field staff. This would improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Equipment: In the past, the budgeted funding for equipment has been much higher. While additional equipment would improve efficiency for our field staff, ISDA is cutting this area to accommodate the rest of the budget. The budget of \$100,000 is to maintain the vehicle fleet with regular vehicle maintenance and replacement if needed.

Travel: Each year one SSCB member travels to the National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting. The SSCB is the peer review group over the SWCDs in Indiana. The conference offers the board an opportunity to learn about SWCD efforts going on in other states and builds relationships with our Indiana SWCD leadership. The SSCB member is the only representative from ISDA at the conference.

DSC- 09 Budget Proposal	1,969,000	
Reserve		137,000
Current Staff		1,300,000
Administration (all staff support)		482,000
Equipment		50,000
Total		1,969,000

Current Staff: The staff budgeted in the Division of Soil Conservation account represent the central office administrative staff as well as the supervisor level field staff and the district support staff. The staff is broken into tiers and the staff within this account represents the senior staff in the DSC.

Administration: The funding allocated for administration covers fuel, vehicle repairs, computer support, office equipment, phones and rent, as well as other general support expenses. Training and travel are also included in this fund. This allocation supports all the expenses of the entire staff, CWI and DSC.

Equipment: The field-staff depend on highly technical equipment for their daily duties. Robotic Survey Equipment, along with extensive hardware needs to support engineering software and date management, is part of the equipment support required. Additionally, vehicle purchases are rotated through the field on a 3-4 year basis.

Shareholder Input Proposal

State Soil Conservation Board Business Plan (FY 10-11)

Purpose:

The State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) would like to gather shareholder input on Clean Water Indiana (CWI) activities and programs for the development of their upcoming Business Plan for FY10-11. The SSCB seeks input on top soil and water concerns, ideas for new program opportunities and current program evaluations.

Shareholders and Experts:

- 1. Resource Users
 - a. Individuals (Ag and Urban)
 - b. Industry (Utilities)
 - c. Service Providers (Co-Ops, Engineers, Consultants, Contractors, etc.)
- 2. Government Organizations
 - a. Local (SWCDs)
 - b. State(ISDA, DNR, IDEM)
 - c. Federal (NRCS, FSA, USGS)
- 3. Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)
 - a. Environmental (TNC, Sierra Club, IASWCD, IDEA, Hoosier Environmental Council, St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative, Upper White River Watershed Alliance, CTIC, etc.)
 - b. Agricultural (Farm Bureau Association, Indiana Corn Marketing Council, Indiana Soybean Alliance, etc.)
 - c. Urban (Indiana Home Builder's Association, League of RC&Ds, etc.)
 - d. Recreational (Indiana Wildlife Federation, Indiana Lake Management Society, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Turkey Federation, Quail Forever, Quail Unlimited, Fly Fishing Association, etc.)
- 4. Other Water Quality Experts
 - a. University Experts and Professors (Purdue, IUPUI, IU, Ball State, ISU, etc.)

Input Gathering Methods:

Two types of input are needed from each group of shareholders, data-based and detail-oriented.

Data-based: Data-based input is best collected via survey where results can be shown visually in charts, spreadsheets and graphs. Online, mailed and handed out surveys are recommended for all shareholder groups.

Detail-oriented: Detail-oriented input is recommended from all shareholders and can be gathered through written recommendations, focus groups and roundtables.

Input Facilitation:

It is highly recommended that the SSCB involve a non-vested consultant/ organization to coordinate, facilitate, gather and record all input from all shareholders.

Timeline:

8/19/08

8/20/08-10/10/08

10/10/08-11/10/08

11/11/08

11/11/08-12/12/08

12/12/08-1/12/09

1/13/08

Business Plan Input Proposal

Shareholder Input Gathering

SSCB Sub-Committee Business Plan Development

Business Plan Draft Announced for Comment

Written Comments on Draft Accepted

SSCB Sub-Committee Revisions to Draft

Business Plan Final Draft

Indiana State Department of Agriculture

Division of Soil Conservation

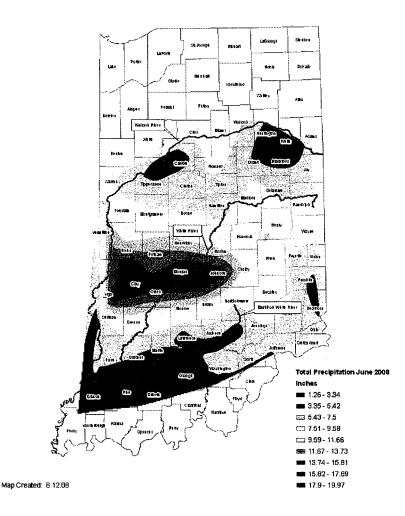
2008 Disaster Recovery Assessment for Agricultural Lands

Beginning on June 7, 2008, and continuing today, the Division of Soil Conservation (DSC) has been investing staff and resources in the urgent need for flood recovery and land repairs on Indiana's most productive asset, farmland. The monthly rainfall map below shows the total rainfall that took place in June, thus foreshadowing the consequences now being seen. (Map 1) To enhance planning and to quantify the extent of the disaster, the DSC began performing assessments that ranged from county by county broad public evaluations to in-the-field individual evaluations by farm. In all, nearly 300 individual farms have received preliminary on-site evaluations. Additionally, as the flood waters receded and more definitive assessments could be made, each local SWCD was asked to evaluate financial needs for their counties through the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP). This enhanced the prioritization of counties by severity and volume of impact.

With all the evaluations being considered, 35 counties were surfaced as the most severely affected. Whether from an entire county receiving major rainfall and flooding or from a few farmers seeing severe damages, these counties seem to represent the hardest hit of the 72 counties that are currently eligible for federal disaster programs.

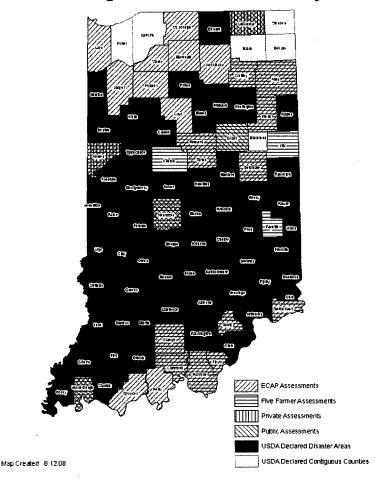
The following maps and charts were compiled to present the data collected and the information gathered. This information may be used to allocate recovery resources, such as technical assistance, and recovery programs and funding, be it federal, state or local. The assessments offer a broad estimate of potential acres impacted which is more than 1.4 M. The information does allow DSC to prioritize counties as hardest hit and therefore possibly most deserving of the limited resources as they become available.

Total Precipitation for June 2008



All emergency counties received the scrutiny of the various assessments. Technical staff, local officials and farmers directly impacted were utilized throughout this process. Individual assessments will continue until the need is exhausted and data will continue to be gathered for evaluation and historical

Damage Assessment Summary



documentation. There were 4 types of assessment models used. (Refer to Chart 1 for assessments and timelines.) Refer to "Damage Assessment Summary" (Map 1) to review the counties and the assessments performed.

To support the assessments and to begin quantify the amount of damage, projected workload and resource needs, DSC considered agricultural acreage numbers and floodplain acreage data to compile a disaster acreage estimate. Refer to "Total Floodplain Acres" (Map 2) to see the number of acres of floodplain that exists in each of the affected counties as well as showing the flood plain locations. An assumption was made for the purpose of predicting the acreage of flooding impact in a county. The assumption is that if any acres in a county are flooded it would be mostly likely that the floodplains would be most impacted.

Chart 1: Damage Assessment Timeline

1	Private Assessments and Assistance	June 9 – ongoing
~ interpretation	(landowners/producers)	
2	Public Assessments and Assistance	June 9 - ongoing
100	(county entities, Cooperative Extension Service, ect.)	
3	Five Farmer Assessments (determine widespread	July 2 – July 9
	extent of damage in disaster counties)	
4	Emergency Conservation Assessment Program	July 8 – August 1

Total Ag Acres

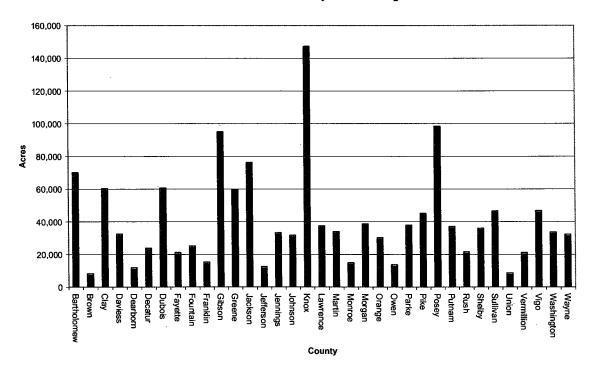


Refer to "Total Ag Acres" (Map 3) for the number of agricultural acres by county and the main river tributaries of the Wabash and White River. The ag acres, floodplain acres and percentage of flood plain acres that are used for agricultural production was used to prioritize and rank the counties as having the most potential for damage with confirmation of damage and need coming from the local individual farm visits and the SWCD countywide assessments.

"Estimated Acres Affected by June Flooding" (Chart 2) depicts the county's potential total acres impacted.

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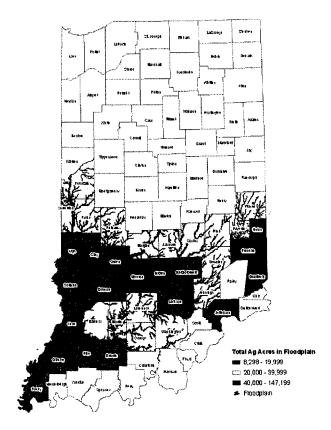
Estimated Acres Affected by June Flooding



"Total Ag Acres in Floodplain" (Map 4) shows the ag acres in the floodplain and prioritizes the counties by severity of flooding and rainfall impact.

Across all 35 counties the potential acres could be as much as 1.4 M acres in need of repairs. As SWCDs surveyed their counties and farmers they estimated that 60% of those acres would need significant land grading and reshaping as well as sediment and debris removed. Long term challenges will exist with soil fertility and rebuilding organic matter. Fortunately, many federal programs may offer financial support in long term contracts and cost share to relieve some of the financial costs. Public resources (federal, state and local) and private resources such as technical and consulting assistance will be crucial for farmers to access these programs and support. The program dollars available could number in the millions across the state if farmers work to take advantage of these opportunities.

Total Ag Acres In Floodplain



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To facilitate recovery from this disaster and to

reduce program red tape, DSC is offering an opportunity for farmers, consultants, SWCDs and others to prioritize each farm's damages and to assist in developing a remediation plan. Farmers and landowners may submit a completed form to their local SWCD or designated ISDA Technician for further assistance or determination of financial assistance possibilities. Or they may wish to contact the SWCD office or ISDA Technician to receive on-farm assistance in reviewing farmland damages and completing the form. The ISDA staff is eager to visit your farm to help you prioritize your efforts to get your land ready for next year's planting season. Refer to the ISDA link below for the form and reference materials.

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	June	TOTAL		FLOOD PLAIN	% FLOOD	AG ACRES	Percent Ag land in	Eligible for Flood	Takal Foundation	04 . 5 7 . 4 . 1	D	% of
COUNTY	Rainfall	ACRES	AC ACDEC	ACRES		l			Total Funds for		Disaster	Funding
			AG ACRES		PLAIN	in FLOOD	Floodplain	Assistance	Rehabilitation	Damage	Allocation	Needed
Knox	7.61	334,895	300,136		48.1%	147,199	91%	147,199				
Posey		261440		115,055	44.0%	98,376	86%	98,376				
Gibson		312,822	210,989	115,987	37.1%	95,022	82%	95,022	\$14,253,300.00		\$80,175.34	0.56%
Jackson	4.70	328,662	206,855	101,754	31.0%	76,225	75%	76,225	\$11,433,750.00		\$64,315.27	0.56%
Bartholom	7.45	261,772	160,568	91,012	34.8%	70,137	77%	70,137	\$10,520,550.00		\$59,178.48	0.56%
Dubois		278,463	188972	82,228	29.5%	60,518	74%	60,518	\$9,077,700.00	4.3%	\$51,062.40	0.56%
Clay	18.93	230,557	151,590	74,215	32.2%	60,339	81%	60,339	\$9,050,850.00	4.2%	\$50,911.37	0.56%
Greene	9.05	349,160	170,534	75,266	21.6%	59,682	79%	59,682	\$8,952,300.00	4.2%	\$50,357.02	0.56%
Vigo	13.83	262,575	122,859	74,647	28.4%	46,710	63%	46,710	\$7,006,500.00	3.3%	\$39,411.82	0.56%
Sullivan	4.57	290,234	178,617	75,365	26.0%	46,562	62%	46,562	\$6,984,300.00	3.3%	\$39,286.95	0.56%
Pike		217,918	75,716	68,836	31.6%	45,190	66%	45,190	\$6,778,500.00	3.2%	\$38,129.31	0.56%
Morgan	20.11	261,907	111,609	49,835	19.0%	38,586	77%	38,586	\$5,787,900.00	2.7%	\$32,557.15	0.56%
Parke	12.14	284,655	164,743	60,731	21.3%	37,975	63%	37,975	\$5,696,250.00	2.7%	\$32,041.62	0.56%
Lawrence	5.36	289,116	147,295	51,832	17.9%	37,502	72%	37,502	\$5,625,300.00	2.6%	\$31,642.52	0.56%
Putnam	14.66	307,399	180,544	64,549	21.0%	37,208	58%	37,208	\$5,581,200.00	2.6%	\$31,394.46	0.56%
Shelby	10.50	264,323	199,904	42,771	16.2%	35,909	84%	35,909	\$5,386,350.00	2.5%	\$30,298.42	0.56%
Martin		217,717	63517	60,286	27.7%	34,042	56%	34,042	\$5,106,300.00	2.4%	\$28,723.13	0.56%
Washington	1	330,550	180,559	47,935	14.5%	33,561	70%	33,561	\$5,034,150.00	2.4%	\$28,317.28	0.56%
Jennings	7.39	242,031	142,609	59,910	24.8%	33,169	55%	33,169	\$4,975,350.00	2.3%	\$27,986.53	0.56%
Daviess	5.28	279,769	206,625	41,460	14.8%	32,417	78%	32,417	\$4,862,550.00	2.3%	\$27,352.02	0.56%
Wayne		258282	170724	43,471	16.8%	32,201	74%	32,201	\$4,830,150.00	2.3%	\$27,169.77	0.56%
Johnson	17.28	205,755	135,178	38,801	18.9%	31,704	82%	31,704	\$4,755,600.00	2.2%	\$26,750.43	0.56%
Orange		261,185	106190	51,550	19.7%	30,357	59%	30,357	\$4,553,550.00	2.1%	\$25,613.89	0.56%
Fountain		254,463	205412	38,015	14.9%	25,271	66%	25,271	\$3,790,650.00	1.8%	\$21,322.55	0.56%
Decatur	11.43	238,467	206,700	33,404	14.0%	23,836	71%	23,836	\$3,575,400.00	1.7%	\$20,111.76	0.56%
Rush	7.78	261,503	223,527	26,299	10.1%	21,513	82%	21,513	\$3,226,950.00	1.5%	\$18,151.71	0.56%
Vermillion	14.99	166,276	82,035	34,597	20.8%	21,181	61%	21,181	\$3,177,150.00	1.5%	\$17,871.59	0.56%
Fayette		137,683	106905	32,279	23.4%	21,161	66%	21,161	\$3,174,150.00	1.5%	\$17,854.71	0.56%
Franklin	0.00	250,381	139,464	37,479	15.0%	15,296	41%	15,296	\$2,294,400.00	1.1%	\$12,906.09	0.56%
Monroe	11.54	262,983	60,510	25,636	9.7%	14,825	58%	14,825	\$2,223,750.00	1.0%	\$12,508.68	0.56%
Owen	15.69	248,010	98,679	21,753	8.8%	13,722	63%	13,722	\$2,058,300.00	1.0%	\$11,578.01	0.56%
Jefferson	15.55	232,139	109,103	23,605	10.2%	12,499	53%	12,499	\$1,874,850.00	0.9%	\$10,546.10	0.56%
Dearborn		196,719	74,042	23,752	12.1%	11,980	50%	11,980	\$1,797,000.00	0.5%	\$10,108.19	0.56%
Union		105,760	85,129	17,611	16.7%	8,586	49%	8,586	\$1,287,900.00	0.6%	\$7,244.49	0.56%
Brown	11.52	202,483	20,390	18,282	9.0%	8,298	45%	8,298	\$1,244,700.00	0.6%	\$7,001.48	0.56%
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CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT 8-19-08

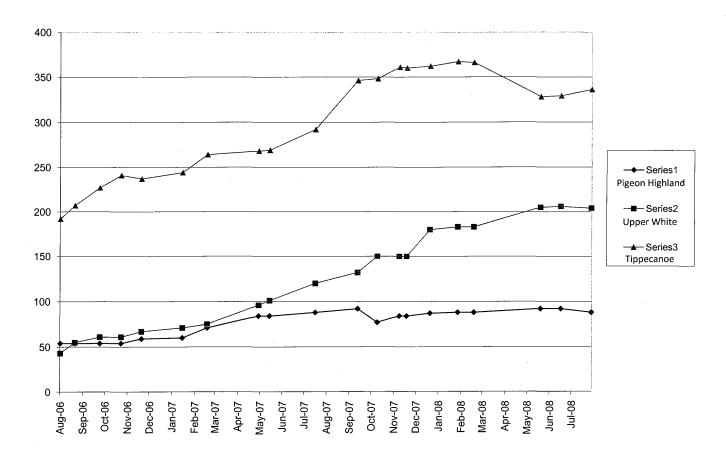
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Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	336	2385.9	\$185.02	\$441,445.00	\$6,957,284.40
Upper White River	204	1539.9	\$452.49	\$696,790.00	\$4,490,348.40
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	88	352.1	\$186.08	\$65,520.00	\$1,026,723.60
TOTAL	628	4277.9	\$281.39	\$1,203,755.00	\$12,474,356.40

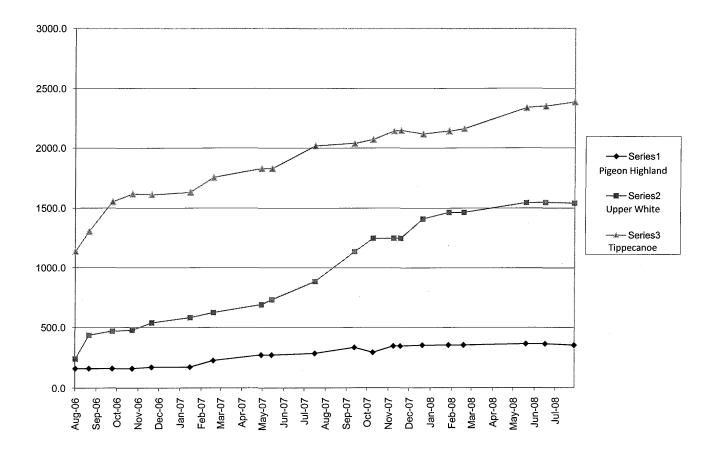
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Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	329	2350.58	\$173.62	\$408,115.00	\$6,854,291.28
Upper White River	206	1546.1	\$450.48	\$696,480.00	\$4,508,427.60
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	92	363.7	\$189.54	\$68,934.00	\$1,060,549.20
TOTAL	627	4260.38	\$275.45	\$1,173,529.00	\$12,423,268.08

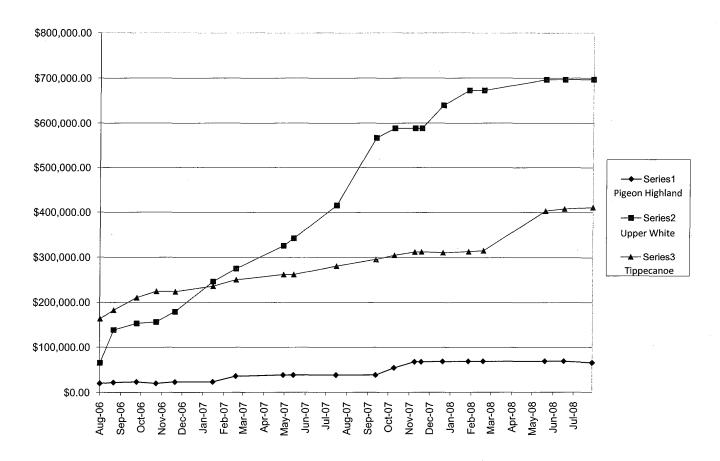
CREP Landowner Contracts August 2006 - August 2008



CREP Obligated Acres August 2006 - August 2008



CREP Obligated Funds August 2006 - August 2008



Clean Water Indiana Grant Report for August 2008

CWI 2008

- There are 81 open CMIG grants. (1 has closed already.)
- There are 23 open SNRG grants.
- \$355,875 has been paid out to date.

CWI 2007

- There are 15 open grants. 4 of those are multi-year grants.
- \$466,135.41 has been paid out to date.

CWI 2006

- There are 10 open grants. 6 of those are multi-year grants.
- \$507,502 has been paid out to date.



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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAND REHABILITION PLAN

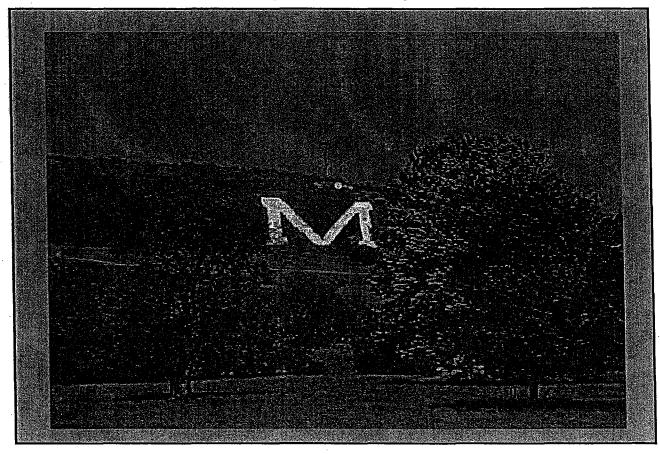
Landowner: Wy Mei Address: Easy Street Address: Somewhere Indiana 15798-3698 (111) 222-3333, Telephone: Telephone: (444) 555-6666 Tenant: MeSo Conjused Address: Noivo Lane Unknown: Indiana 425748-235 Address: Telephone: (7777) 8888-0999

(123) 456:7890

County: Jasper Pluto Civil Townshop: T 35 N Township: R3W Range: Section: Farm Number: 148 15(5)8 Tract Number(s): Field(s): 1/4 467/584 **UTM Easting:** 1(57/9)0/4(8) **UTM Northing:** Date: July 23 (2008

Acres Farmed	Operation Description (grain, dairy, hog, etc)
400 7	Grain C. H.

Project Location Map





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Rebecca S. Skillman, Lieutenant Governor Andy Miller, Agriculture Director Tammy Lawson, Director

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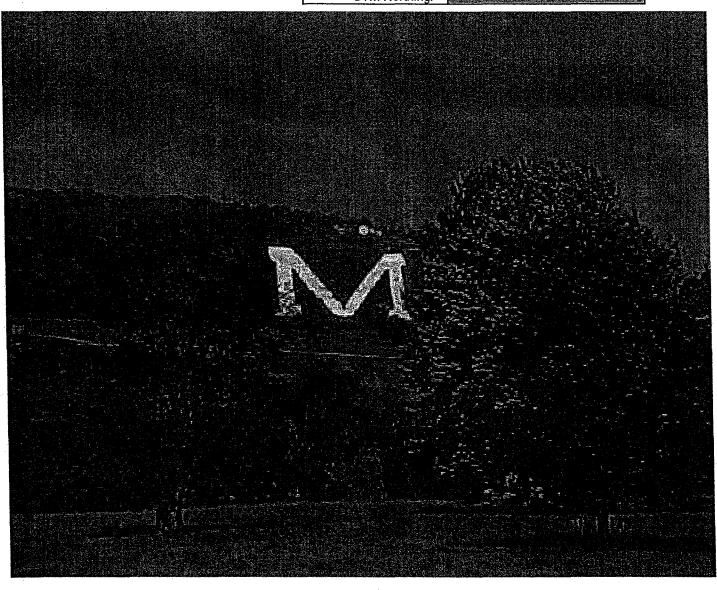
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Enclosures



INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAND REHABILITATION PLAN Resource Concerns Map

County:	Jasper	Farm Number:	148 . The A. Harren Fill 1 Thinks
Landowner:	- Wy Mei	Tract Number:	14568
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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAND REHABILITATION PLAN Resource Concerns

County:	Jasper	Farm Number:	148.
Landowner:	Wy Mei	Tract Number:	1568
Tenant:	MeSo Confused	Field Number:	0
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Land/Property Damage Due To:

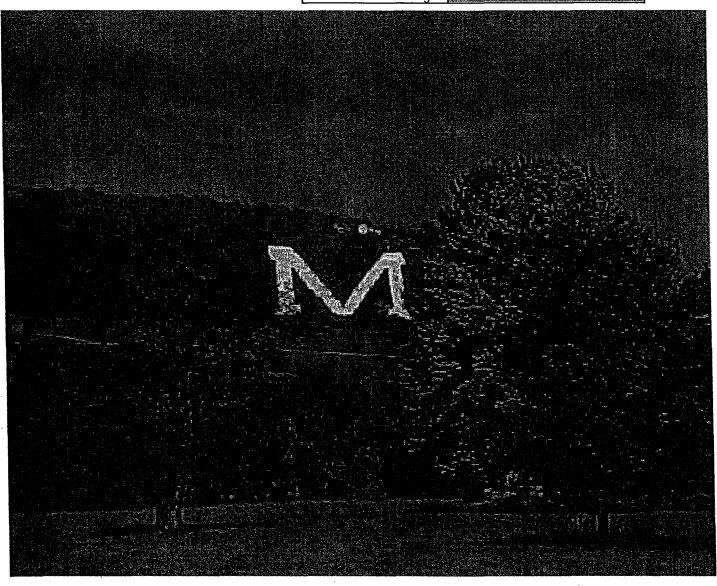
Flooding along Wabash River Fields 1 and 4 have been inundated for approximately two weeks. Some old oxbows may be under water for several more weeks.

Map Label/ Indentifier	Resource Concern	Description					
Gully #1	Soil Quality	Gully erosion, in the bottom of a waterway. 100 feet long by 5 feet deep by 2 foot wide					
Rock Chute #1	Soil & Water Conservation	Washed out rock chute,	the approach and chute bottom section has been severely washed.				
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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAND REHABILITATION PLAN Remedial Actions Map

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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAND REHABILITATION PLAN Remedial Actions

County:	*Jasper	Farm Number:	148
Landowner:	Wy Mei	Tract Number:	
Tenant:	MeSo Confused	Field Number:	
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Map Label/ Identifier	Resource Concern	Recommended Remedial Actions	Estimated Cost
Gully #1 Soil Quality		Grade larger gullies to allow crossing with harvesting equipment or install permanent erosion control practices. that are too deep to cross with tillage equipment	\$200.00
Rock Chute #1	Soil & Water Conservation Practice	Use a field cultivator or finishing tool to grade and/or level rills and ephemeral gullies. If an area(s) of the field is classified as HEL, check with the local USDA Natural Resources	\$1,500.00
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Farm #:	148
Tract #:	1568
Field(s):	1,4
County:	Jasper

Project Assistance Notes

Project Year:	467534							
Landowner Name: Address #1: Address #2: Telephone #:		Wy Mei						
		Easy Street						
					Telephone #:		(444) 555-6666	
Date	Assisted By	Notes	Hours					
07/24/08	MeSo Confused	Provided in-office technical assistance to landowner.	1.00					
07/28/08	MeSo Confused	Provided on-site technical assistance to landowner.	3.25					
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Indiana Conservation Partnership Technology Workgroup Report

Technology Workgroup met June 12, 2008 Attendees: Bob Weaver, Shannon Zezula, Jane Hardisty

The group reviewed accomplishments that included:

- 1. there are now linkages on all the partners' websites
- 2. there is a Google search engine for conservation

The groups' next challenge was to brainstorm how to create a partnership wide reporting system and capture all our accomplishments.

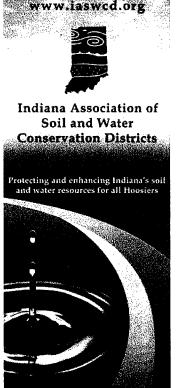
Questions asked were: Where do we get the data? Who should have access? Do all the partners have an accountability system to collect accomplishments?

Discussion points:

- 1. we need to deliver the data and use it
- 2. Districts need to be able to report accomplishments
- 3. the technology is there, we just have to figure out how to get it and use it
- 4. once a process is decided, there needs to be an commitment from all the partners

Suggestions to get starter:

- 1. Start with what Districts and NRCS is reporting in Toolkit and build from that
- 2. Each partner have their own individual reporting system and some how link between data bases.



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Jim Droege, President, IASWCD

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Tuesday, August 19, 2008

2009 Annual Conference

Preparations are underway for the January 12-14, 2009 annual conference. We are continuing with the four tracks: conservation implementation, capacity building, watershed management, and education & outreach. Dr. Jill Clapperton will be our featured speaker at a general session. She is widely known for her expertise and promotion of no-till and cover crops. Ray Ledgerwood, a former NACD staffer, from Washington State, will present on business plan implementation. We have lots of other good speakers on tap. Registration will be available beginning in early October.

CWI Program

The IASWCD Legislative Committee has been meeting and preparing for the upcoming long budget session. General CWI posters were sent to all Districts for displaying at their county fairs this past summer. Additional materials will be available in the coming months.

River Friendly Farmer Program

65 recipients received recognition this year as "River Friendly Farmer". The award ceremony was held at the State Fair on Wednesday, August 13 with 37 winners in attendance with their families. Earlier in the day, a majority of them rode in the Farmers Day parade.

District Showcase Award Tour

The IASWCD received 10 applications for the District Showcase award. The top four winners will be selected for a tour by the ICP this fall. The IASWCD will schedule the tours and invite all ICP partners to be a part of the tour. We plan on videotaping/photographing for showcasing at the 2009 Annual Conference.

Pathway to Water Quality

PWQ was a huge success this year. The new urban area looked fantastic and was a popular spot for folks to ask questions and take home some information. The fair is expanding by five days next year, so the ICP will have some work to do to figure out how to find enough volunteers.

THE IASWCD MISSION is to represent SWCDs as one voice and assist the leadership of local Districts through coordination and education for the wise use and management of our natural resources.

SSCB Meeting August, 2008 NRCS State Conservationist Report

Flooding Disaster

- NRCS Damage Survey Report (DSR) teams have been assessing damage and offering assistance to communities and landowners, while coordinating with other agencies and organizations offering help, since the flood event on June 7.
- 16 EWP exigency projects are complete, for around \$560,000. There are 9 more exigency projects underway, for an additional \$1.8 million.
- The DSR teams have been focused on EWP 'exigent' requests, but will now also begin to work on the longer term 'non-exigent' sites. Currently there are 27 requests being processed for non-exigency projects, with many more anticipated.
- Indiana NRCS has declared a variance on Highly Erodible Land (HEL) compliance for fields in the federal disaster and adjacent counties. Farmers that need to do major repairs to bring their fields back into production can take advantage of this waiver to do repairs without risking program benefits.
- Indiana NRCS granted a one year extension for EQIP and WHIP practices scheduled for installation in the affected counties. This will allow farmers time to recover and repair damages while still meeting their federal contract obligations.
- Indiana NRCS received an additional \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2008 EQIP funds to repair conservation practices damaged by the flooding, originally installed under the EQIP program.
- Indiana NRCS received an additional \$15,000 in WHIP funds to repair conservation practices damaged by the flooding, originally installed under the WHIP program.
- We are currently taking applications for the Floodplain Easement Program.

2008 Farm Bill

Information on the new Farm Bill, including changes to the conservation title, can be found at:

- ✓ USDA at http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome (hit Farm Bill under Spotlight)
- ✓ NACD at http://nacdnet.org/policy/agriculture/farmbill/2007/
- ✓ House Ag Committee at

State Fair

Around 41,000 fair attendees went through the Pathway to Water Quality, enjoying the additions of a waterfall at the entrance, a new larger home exhibit and a new soil education exhibit.

FY 2008 Programs Update

- The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has obligated \$18.5 million.
- The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) has obligated \$1.2 million.
- The **Wetlands Reserve Program** (WRP) has obligated \$2.8 million to date. An additional \$2.9 million should be obligated by next week, for a total of \$5.9 million.
- The Ground and Surface Water Program, a component of EQIP, has obligated \$229,000.